



# GLOBAL IED REPORT

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This document was prepared in order to facilitate a greater understanding of the nature and scope of threats and hazards related to the estimated 500+ monthly IED events worldwide. It is provided to aid in the timely identification and development of appropriate actions, priorities and follow-on measures.

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# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

## CENTCOM:

### (U) AFGHANISTAN – Summary of Events

(U) On 20 August, in the Sarab region of Charcheno district, Uruzgan province, a roadside IED detonated as a civilian vehicle passed. The explosion resulted in three (3) civilians killed and two (2) wounded.<sup>1</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

### AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:



Figure 1: (U) "Three employees of Salam Communication Company killed in #Taliban IED attack in #Uruzgan." 20 August 2014. Source: @KabulMedia via Twitter

(U) On 21 August, in the 12<sup>th</sup> police district of Kabul City, at least three (3) security personnel and a civilian were injured in an explosion. Gen Ayhub Salangi said the incident took place after a roadside IED detonated. A spokesman for the Taliban said the group carried out the attack.<sup>2</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

### (U) IRAQ – Summary of Events

(U) On 20 August, in the Tarmiyah area, north of Baghdad, an unknown IED ("sticky bomb") detonated underneath a policeman's car, wounding him.<sup>3</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 20 August, in Abu Ghraib, the 24<sup>th</sup> Army Brigade clashed with a terrorist group, destroying three (3) hideouts, and killing an unknown number of terrorists. At the locations, troops also destroyed a number of armed vehicles, and dismantled several unknown IEDs.<sup>4</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 20 August, outside of the Intelligence Ministry of the Interior's house in Kirkuk, two (2) unknown IEDs detonated, killing one (1) policeman and one (1) civilian and wounding nine (9) more.<sup>5</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 20 August, in Altalibiya area of eastern Baghdad, a VBIED detonated near a popular restaurant, killing one (1) civilian and wounding five (5) others.<sup>6</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 19 August, at the Mosul Dam, Kurdish bomb disposal experts had to defuse "many" unknown IEDs emplaced along the base of the dam. Experts say the explosives were not enough to cause major structural damage.<sup>7</sup>

[SOURCE LINK](#)

### AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:



Figure 2: (U) "Two Kurdish soldiers carrying IED they found in the #Mosul dam." 19 August 2014. Source: @lutfiabuaun via Twitter





Figure 3: (U) Three IED Emplacements and other items destroyed as a result of airstrikes. 20 August 2014. Source: Maj Brian Fickel @CENTCOMCGPAO via Twitter

(U) On 20 August, Germany's foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier announced that his country was ready to begin sending "military hardware" to Kurdish fighters to help battle ISIS. Germany will first send more humanitarian aid and non-lethal equipment such as helmets, night-vision goggles and explosive detectors while it checked what weapons shipments would make sense, in coordination with EU partners.<sup>8</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

### **(U) PAKISTAN – Army Finds Cache in Baluchistan**

(U) On 20 August, in Quetta city and Dalbindin, Pakistani forces conducted raids. The operations led to the seizure of "huge cache of arms and explosives" including: anti-tank mines, rockets, hand grenades, detonators and other weapons. Most were found in underground storage sites in the compound. An unknown number of suspects were detained.<sup>9</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

### **(U) PAKISTAN – IED Found and Cleared in Peshawar**

(U) On 20 August, in the Chamkani area of Peshawar, an unknown IED housed in a pressure cooker, believed to target law enforcement agencies, was found and cleared. The device weighed approximately 10 kg.<sup>10</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

### **(U) PAKISTAN – RCIED Planted Outside QWP Leader's House Defused**

(U) On 20 August, in Umarzai, Charsadda, residents informed police of a suspicious gas cylinder near the house of Quami Watan Party (QWP) leader, Sher Bahadur Khan. After investigation, Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) reported the cylinder was an RCIED with one (1) kg of explosives. Furthermore, another unknown IED was defused near the Qazi pump in Hangu. This device also weighed approximately one (1) kg. And in Bannu, another RCIED was found and cleared along the Jani Khel road.<sup>11</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

#### **AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:**

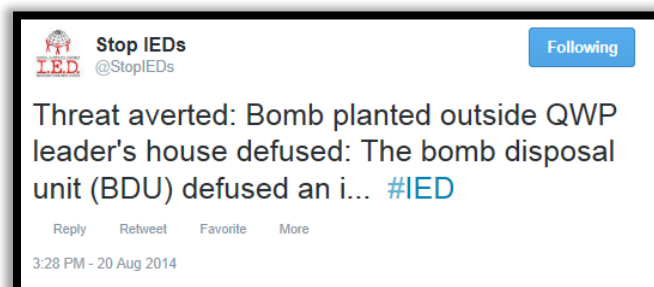


Figure 4: (U) "Threat averted: Bomb planted outside QWP leader's house defused." 20 August 2014. Source: @StopIEDs via Twitter

### **(U) SYRIA – Islamic State (IS) Militants Attack Tabqa Air Base**

(U) On 20 August, IS militants attacked the Tabqa air base in northeastern Syria, firing rockets and tank shells. In addition, they also attempted to use VBIEDs as part of their complex attack. The attack on Tabqa was expected, since IS militants overtook the military base at Raqqa in July.<sup>12</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

#### **AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:**



Figure 5: (U) "4<sup>th</sup> car bomb attack on #Tabqa airbase failed." 20 August 2014. Source: @Damascus\_online via Twitter

## EUCOM:

### (U) RUSSIA – Explosives Found After Militants Killed

(U) On 20 August, in Makhachkala, Dagestan, law enforcement officials located one (1) unknown homemade IED with explosives equivalent to one (1) kg of TNT during the search of an apartment belonging to two (2) terror suspects, preliminarily identified as members of the Makhachkala gang. The militants resisted arrest and were killed by police prior to the search.<sup>13</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

### (U) UKRAINE – Police Seize Car with Weapons and Explosives in Donetsk Region

(U) On 19 August, in Druzhkivka town, police prevented several terrorist acts when they seized a vehicle at a gas station. Within the vehicle, the police found “a large quantity of explosives equal to 30 kg of TNT” as well as ammo, grenades, and a machine gun with ammo belts.<sup>14</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

## PACOM:

### (U) INDIA - Seven Maoists Surrender in Chhattisgarh

(U) On 20 August, in Chhattisgarh, seven (7) Maoists surrendered to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Two of the detainees were reported as “hardcore” deputy commanders. Another detained individual was known to be an expert in planting IEDs to target security forces.<sup>15</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

### (U) MALAYSIA – Militants Bought Bomb Material for Planned Attack

(U) On 19 August, suspected Malaysian militants loyal to IS were arrested ahead of a proposed attack on a Carlsberg brewery in Kuala Lumpur. Follow-on open source reporting indicated the group acquired aluminum powder for use in the planned explosion.<sup>16</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

## SOUTHCOM:

### (U) COLOMBIA – Summary of Events

(U) On 20 August, in Norte de Santander, Convencion municipality, troops located one (1) “high power” unknown IED that was intended to target troops. The device contained R-1 explosives housed in a cylinder, and was planted by ELN terrorists.<sup>17</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 20 August, in Versalles village, Norte de Santander, troops located and destroyed two (2) unknown IEDs which were planted by ELN’s Capitan Parmenio Crew.<sup>18</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 19 August, in San Vicente del Caguán municipality, Caqueta, troops found and cleared six (6) unknown IEDs, planted by FARC’s Teofilo Forero Crew.<sup>19</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 19 August, in La Paz village, San Jose del Guaviare municipality, troops located 10 IEDs filled with 25 kg of explosives and shrapnel, targeting law enforcement officials. There were also 140 non-electric blasting caps and FARC propaganda. This material had been property of FARC’s 56<sup>th</sup> Front.<sup>20</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 19 August, in El Puente village, Guadalupe municipality, Huila, troops located an RCIED, described as a “cylinder bomb” under a bridge. The device contained approximately 50 kg of ANFO and shrapnel and had a reported blast radius of around 40 meters. If detonated, this device would have likely destroyed the bridge over the La Seca creek, isolating Huila from Caqueta.<sup>21</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

(U) On 19 August, in Paujil municipality Caqueta, troops neutralized a minefield consisting nine (9) unknown IEDs housed in plastic containers, with five (5) kg of ANFO each. The devices also contained “mowing blades” to be used as shrapnel.<sup>22</sup>

#### [SOURCE LINK](#)

**AMPLIFYING INFORMATION:**

(U) On 19 August, in the suburbs of Florencia, two (2) members of the FARC Teofilo Forero Column voluntarily surrendered to troops due to the constant military pressure and hard work without payment. One was an explosives specialist, with duties that included installing minefiled and explosive devices. Also, in Florencia and Puerto Rico, Caqueta, two (2) members of FARC 14 Front also got demobilized.<sup>23</sup>

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